Your ‘how-to’ guide to optimal governance
“I LOVE reading endless technical reports!” said no one ever!
Why does local government exist?
To provide safe, sustainable, secure services in a predictable, cost effective manner.
Why do we need elected officials?

I will make this town GREAT AGAIN!
REFLECT THE COMMUNITY

What services does your community need and want now and in the future?

(and at what level)
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What are the services your community is willing and able to pay for?
THE COMMUNITY

You can’t ask people what they are willing to pay for if they don’t know the costs.
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OPTIMAL GOVERNANCE:
3 KEY TAKE-AWAYS
YOU WERE NOT ELECTED TO DO ANYTHING,
YOU WERE ELECTED TO THINK
STAFF IS YOUR RESOURCE, NOT YOUR PUNCHING BAG
NEVER FORGET THE PRIME DIRECTIVE:

STEWARDSHIP OVER ASSETS (BUILT AND NATURAL)
FOR SUSTAINABLE SERVICE DELIVERY NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE
How brave are you?
Early in the season
Just about budget time
Council wants no tax increase
Staff starting to lose their mind
Infrastructure gap is growing
Forgot our policy
We deferred our maintenance
Be reactive is our strategy

Down on the Corner
Under the street
Water main's about to blow
Bring a nickel, tap your feet
Buried under piles of data
None of it makes sense
Do we need the experts
To help clean up the mess
Crumbling roads - leaky pipes
What’s their life expectancy
We need more information
To know what the cost will be

Down on the Corner
Under the street
Sewer main's about to blow
Bring a nickel, tap your feet
How do we tell the public
That things are really bad
It’s gonna cost some money
And you know they will be mad
We have to tell the truth
Communication is the key
For future generations
What is our destiny
Is it gonna be..............

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